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SUBJECT: NINE MORE COMINFORMISTS INDICTED

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1. NINE COMINFORMISTS HAVE BEEN INDICTED IN BANJA LUKA FOR CONSPIRACY AGAINST THE STATE, ACCORDING TO BELGRADE PRESS JANUARY 30. THE INDICTMENT CHARGES THAT THE NINE MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH HOSTILE GROUPS AND INDIVIDUAL INFORMBUREAUIST OVERSEAS, FROM WHOM THEY RECEIVED PROPAGANDA MATERIAL. THEY ALLEGEDLY DISTRIBUTED PROPAGANDA AGAINST SELF-MANAGEMENT AND THE UNITY OF THE NATIONALITIES, WITH THE AIM OF OVERTURNING THE CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER.

2. EIGHT OF THE NINE RESIDE IN NORTHWEST BOSNIA AND ONE IN ZAGREB. THEIR NAMES INDICATE THAT SOME ARE DEFINITELY SERBS WHILE OTHERS COULD BE EITHER SERBS OR CROATS. FOUR ARE LISTED AS BEING RETIRED. ONE IS DESCRIBED AS AN EX-DENTIST, ONE AS A DOCTOR, ONE AS A TEACHER, AND 2 AS OFFICE WORKERS. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS, SIX OF THEM HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY INDICTED OR
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3. TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF THESE INDICTMENTS IS VERY SIMILAR TO EARLIER REPORT OF INDICTMENT OF TEN COMINFORMISTS IN NOVI SAD (REFTEL). SINCE BETWEEN 32 AND 36 COMINFORMISTS HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN, DEPENDING ON THE SOURCE CITED, THE INDICTMENTS OF PERHAPS FIFTEEN OTHERS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED.

4. THE TRIAL OF FOUR COMINFORMISTS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 12 (REFTEL) WAS REPORTEDLY POSTPONED. NO ACTUAL COMINFORMIST TRIALS, AS OPPOSED TO INDICTMENTS, HAVE YET BEEN REPORTED PUBLICLY.

5. THE DANGER FROM "HOSTILE FORCES" CONTINUES TO RECEIVE PUBLICITY ALTHOUGH THE INTENSITY OF THE CAMPAIGN HAS DIMINISHED. SEPARATE MEETINGS THIS WEEK OF THE SERBIAN AND KOSOVO LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES CONSIDERED THE PROBLEM.
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